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Labour Force, Australia

Headline estimates of employment, unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked from the monthly Labour Force Survey

Reference period November 2022

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Key statistics

In trend terms, in November 2022:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.5%.
- participation rate remained at 66.7%.
- employment increased to 13,752,800.

- employment to population ratio remained at 64.4%.
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,890 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, in November 2022:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.4%.
- participation rate increased to 66.8%.
- employment increased to 13,769,400.
- employment to population ratio increased to 64.5%.
- underemployment rate decreased to 5.8%.
- monthly hours worked decreased to 1,901 million.
- full-time employment increased by 34,200 to 9,601,500 people.
- part-time employment increased by 29,800 to 4,167,800 people.

Key statistics - Trend

	Oct-2022	Nov-2022	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	13,720,200	13,752,800	32,600	0.2%	498,300	3.8%
Unemployed people	492,600	492,800	200	0.0%	-135,700	-21.6%
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 pts	na	-1.1 pts	na
Underemployment rate	5.9%	5.9%	0.0 pts	na	-1.2 pts	na
Participation rate	66.7%	66.7%	0.0 pts	na	0.4 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,882 million	1,890 million	8 million	0.4%	82 million	4.5%

Key statistics - Seasonally adjusted

	Oct-2022	Nov-2022	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	13,705,400	13,769,400	64,000	0.5%	553,700	4.2%
Unemployed people	484,300	491,700	7,400	1.5%	-143,900	-22.6%

	Oct-2022	Nov-2022	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.4%	0.0 pts	na	-1.1 pts	na
Underemployment rate	6.0%	5.8%	-0.1 pts	na	-1.6 pts	na
Participation rate	66.6%	66.8%	0.2 pts	na	0.6 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,910 million	1,901 million	-9 million	-0.4%	97 million	5.4%

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded level estimates and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded level estimates.

Survey impacts and changes

Guide to labour statistics

To learn more about our different labour measures, their purpose and how to use them, see our new [Guide to labour statistics \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics\)](#). It provides summary information on key labour market topics including [Industry employment data \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/industry-employment-guide\)](#).

Articles and other information

Labour Force estimates have been rebenchmarked to the 2021 Census-based ERP (estimated resident population), resulting in revisions to Labour Force estimates from July 2016 onwards. Revisions at the Australia-level are minimal, and have been summarised in an article in this release.

- [Major rebenchmarking of Labour Force estimates \(/articles/major-rebenchmarking-labour-force-estimates\)](#)

The ABS has again included more detailed information given the interest in understanding COVID-related impacts on hours worked, and historical comparisons with the labour market before the monthly Labour Force Survey commenced in 1978.

This detailed information can be found in:

- [Insights into hours worked, November 2022 \(/articles/insights-hours-worked-november-2022\)](#)
- [Historical charts from 1966 to November 2022 \(/articles/historical-charts-august-1966-november-2022\)](#)

For a list of previously published LFS articles, see the [Article archive \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#article-archive\)](#).

The ABS is also continuing to include data cubes EM2a and EM2b in this release. These two data cubes are usually only released in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#), but will continue to be released in the headline release over the coming months.

Additional spreadsheets and pivot tables are published in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#) one week after this release, while longitudinal labour force microdata are released in the ABS DataLab, on 22 December 2022 (see [Microdata: Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](#)).

Major rebenchmarking of labour force estimates

Every five years, the ABS 'rebases' Australia's official population estimates to a new Census. In June 2022, the estimated resident population (ERP) for Australia and the states and territories were rebased to the 2021 Census, with population estimates revised back to the previous Census base of June quarter 2016. In the subsequent months, regional population estimates were also rebased and revised.

The Labour Force population benchmarks have now been updated to reflect these revised population estimates. Rebenchmarking does not involve any change to the underlying survey responses collected from the Labour Force Survey, just the population benchmarks that survey data is calibrated to.

Major rebenchmarking has resulted in revisions to Labour Force estimates going back to July 2016. This rebenchmarking also includes revisions to natural increase, overseas migration, and interstate migration component data from July 2021 onwards (that is, the regular quarterly rebenchmarking revisions after the most recent Census base).

Major rebenchmarking to preliminary rebased ERP had a negligible impact on headline

indicators from July 2016 to June 2021 with revisions of less than 0.1 pts at the National level for seasonally adjusted and trend unemployment rate, participation rate and employment to population ratio. Seasonally adjusted employment was revised downward by 21,200 people (0.2 per cent) in line with a 0.4 million (0.0 per cent) downward revision to seasonally adjusted hours worked for June 2021.

Rebenchmarking from July 2021 onwards includes revisions to population component data which is largely impacted by revisions to Net Overseas Migration (NOM). Due to the disruption in overseas migration patterns during the COVID-19 pandemic, larger than usual upward revisions to NOM have occurred (particularly in the period since international borders have reopened), resulting in an increase to seasonally adjusted employment of 87,500 people (0.6 per cent) for October 2022, and a similar (0.6 per cent) upward revision to seasonally adjusted hours worked. Further information is available in [this article \(/articles/major-rebenchmarking-labour-force-estimates\)](#).

The ABS will continue to provide summary information on the extent of revisions to benchmarks in future releases.

Survey response and timeline

The November Labour Force Survey was run in respect of the two weeks from Sunday 30 October to Saturday 12 November, and collected over the period from Sunday 6 November to Saturday 26 November.

The ABS would like to thank Australians for their continued support in responding to our surveys, given how critically important this information is.

Reference and Enumeration Dates

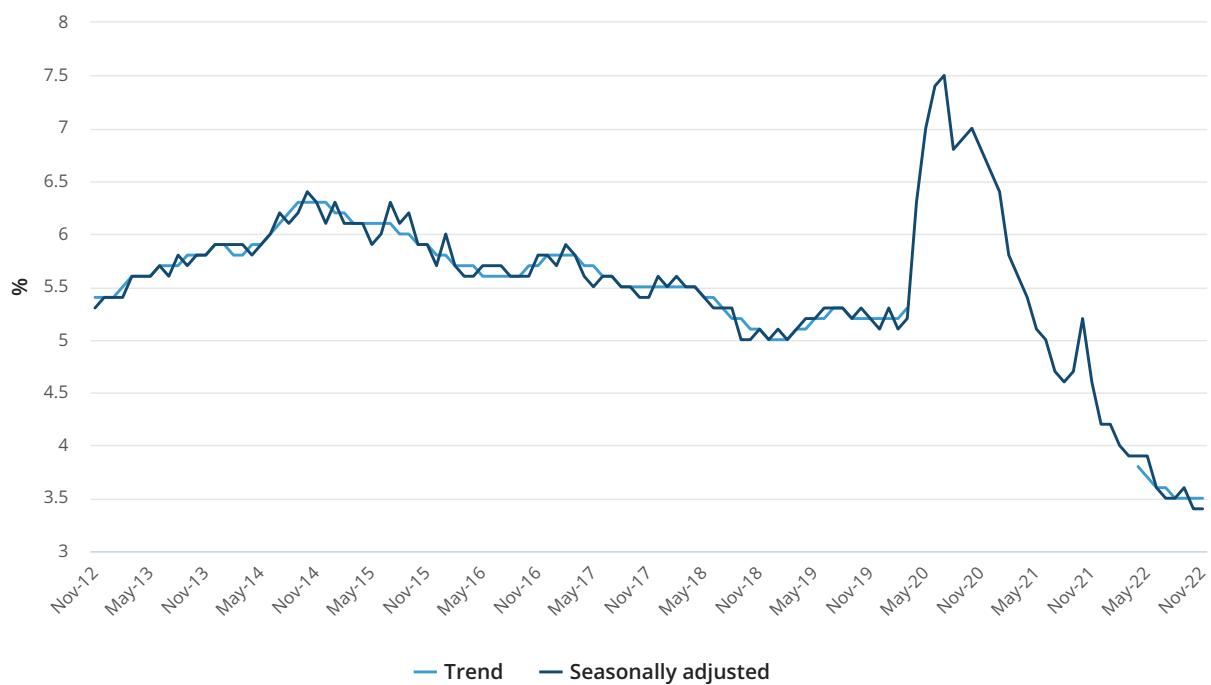
Publication	Start of Reference Week	End of Reference Week	Start of Enumeration	End of Enumeration
Oct-22	2nd October 2022	15th October 2022	9th October 2022	29th October 2022
Nov-22	30th October 2022	12th November 2022	6th November 2022	26th November 2022
Dec-22	27th November 2022	10th December 2022	4th December 2022	22nd December 2022
Jan-23	1st January 2023	14th January 2023	8th January 2023	28th January 2023
Feb-23	29th January 2023	11th February 2023	5th February 2023	25th February 2023
Mar-23	26th February 2023	11th March 2023	5th March 2023	25th March 2023

Unemployment

In trend terms, in November 2022:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.5%.
- unemployed people increased by 200 to 492,800.
- youth unemployment rate remained at 7.7%.

Unemployment rate



Large month-to-month changes occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in multiple trend breaks. The ABS recommends caution when using trend estimates published in spreadsheets in this release for this period. Information on trend breaks can be found in [Labour Force, Australia methodology, November 2022 \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/nov-2022\)](#).

Employment

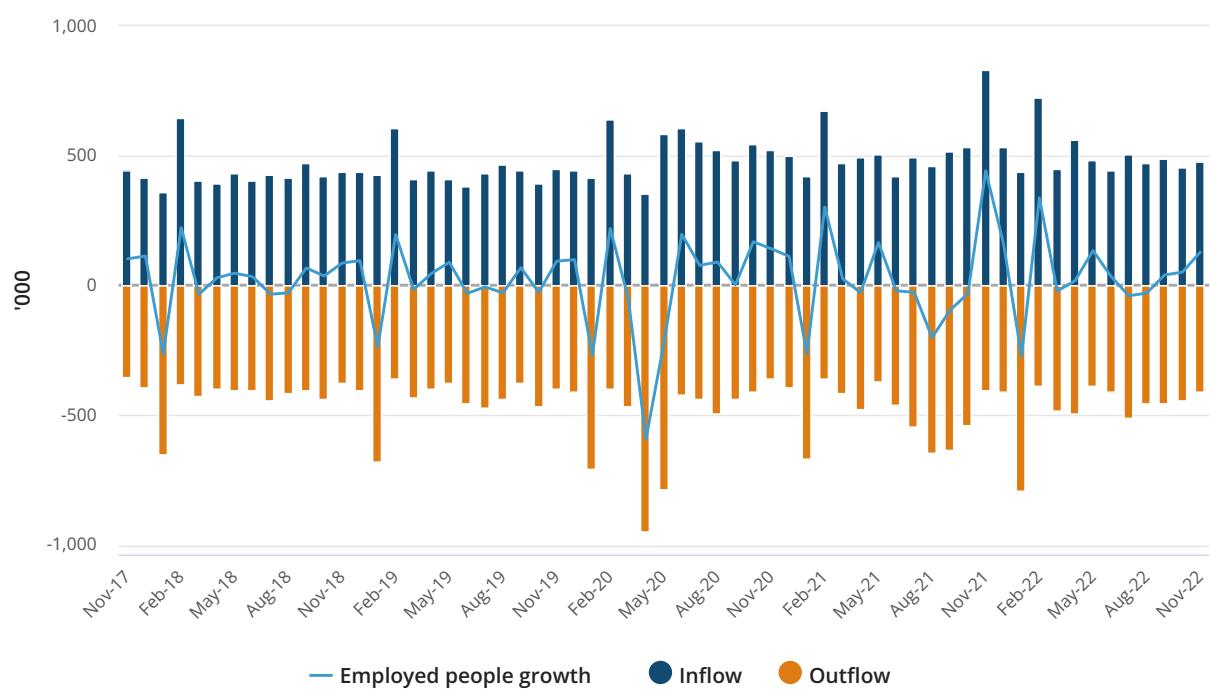
In trend terms, in November 2022, employment increased by 32,600 people (0.2%) to 13,752,800 people.

Flows into and out of employment

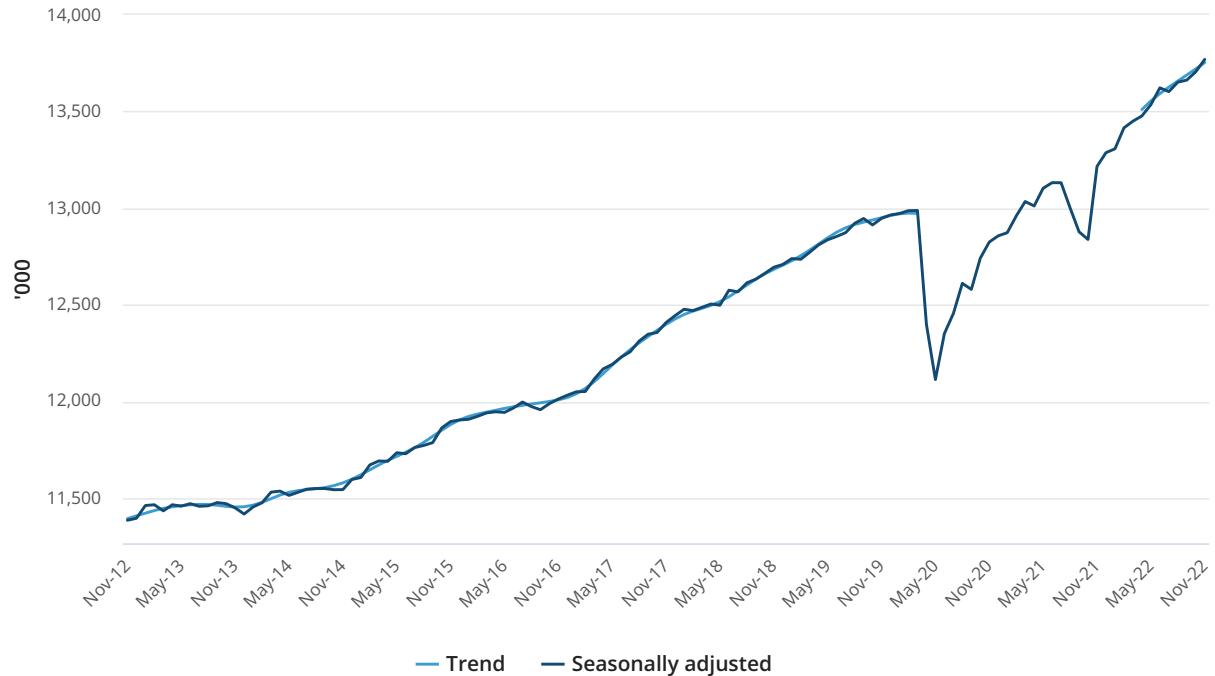
Flows into and out of employment are extensive and are based on the net matched sample of original employment growth between two consecutive months (around 80% of the sample). The (net) sum of the inflows and outflows does not necessarily equal the 'net' employment growth.

For November 2022, the net change in the number of employed people is the result of around 479,000 people entering employment (i.e. they were not employed in October but were employed in November), while around 405,000 people left employment (i.e. they were employed in October but not employed in November). This contrasts with October 2022, where around 454,000 people entered employment and around 444,000 people left employment.

Monthly inflows, outflows and employment growth, Original



Employed people



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Full-time and part-time employment

In trend terms, in November 2022:

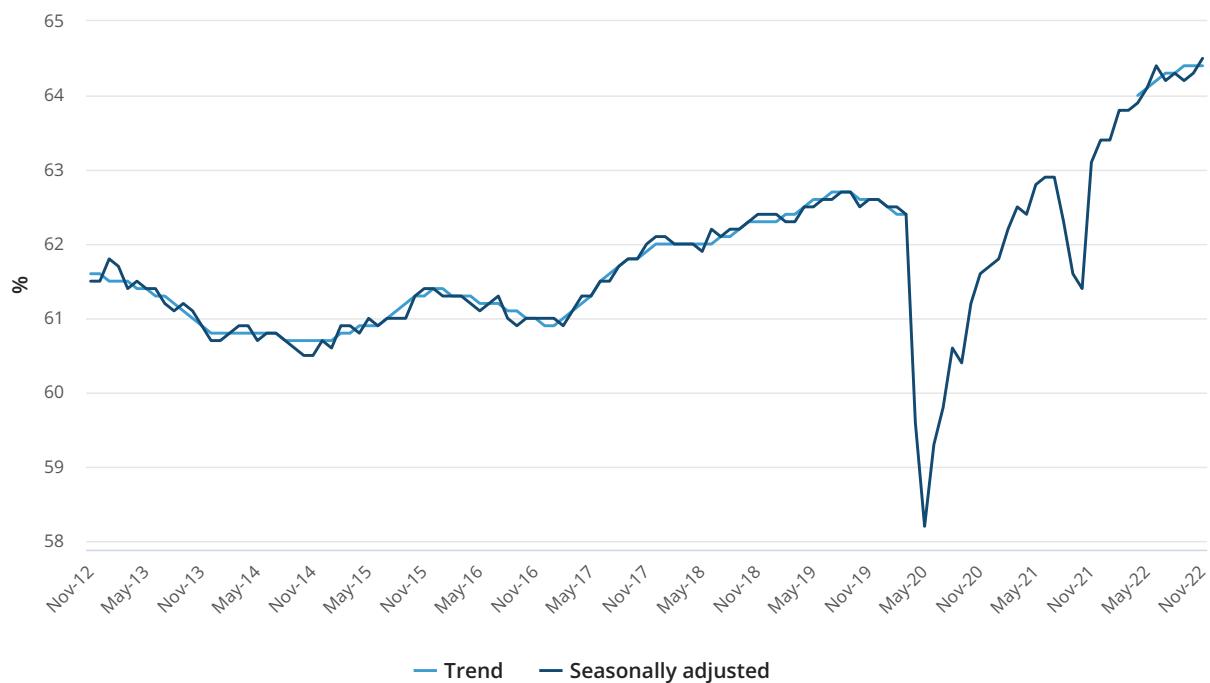
- full-time employment increased by 26,400 to 9,588,800 people, and part-time employment increased by 6,300 to 4,164,000 people.
- part-time share of employment was 30.3%.

Employment-to-population ratio

In trend terms, in November 2022, the employment-to-population ratio remained at 64.4%.

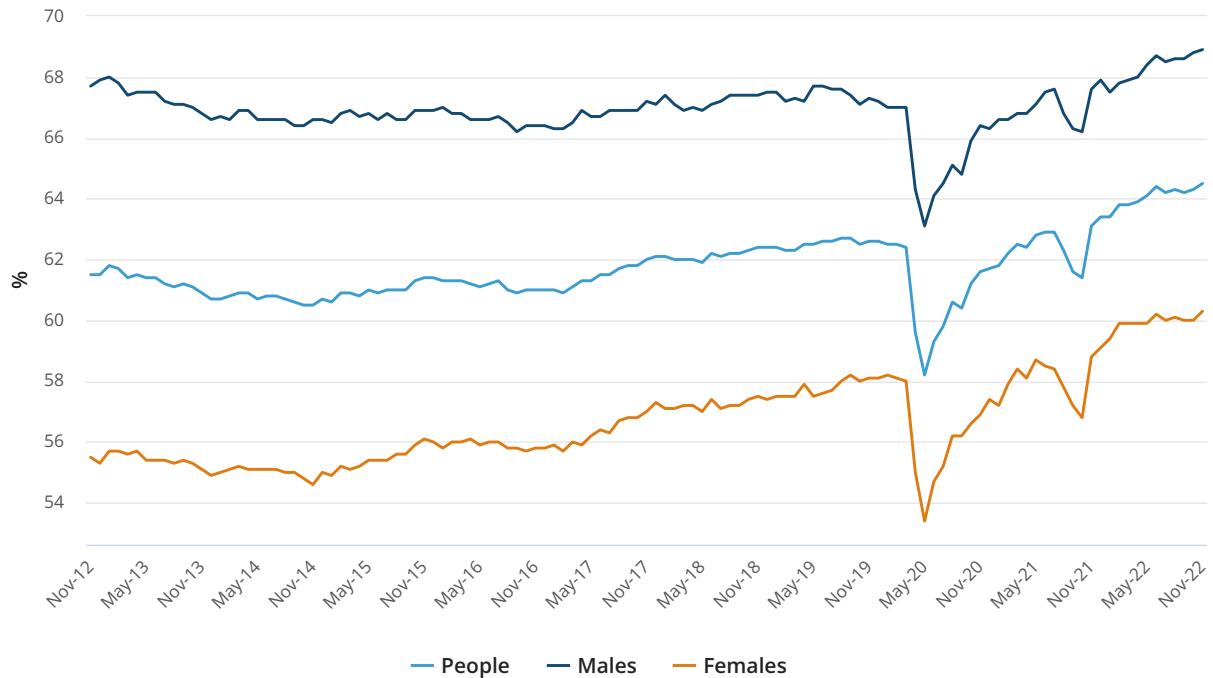
The employment-to-population ratio provides a measure of employment relative to the size of the population.

Employment-to-population ratio



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Employment-to-population ratio, Seasonally adjusted

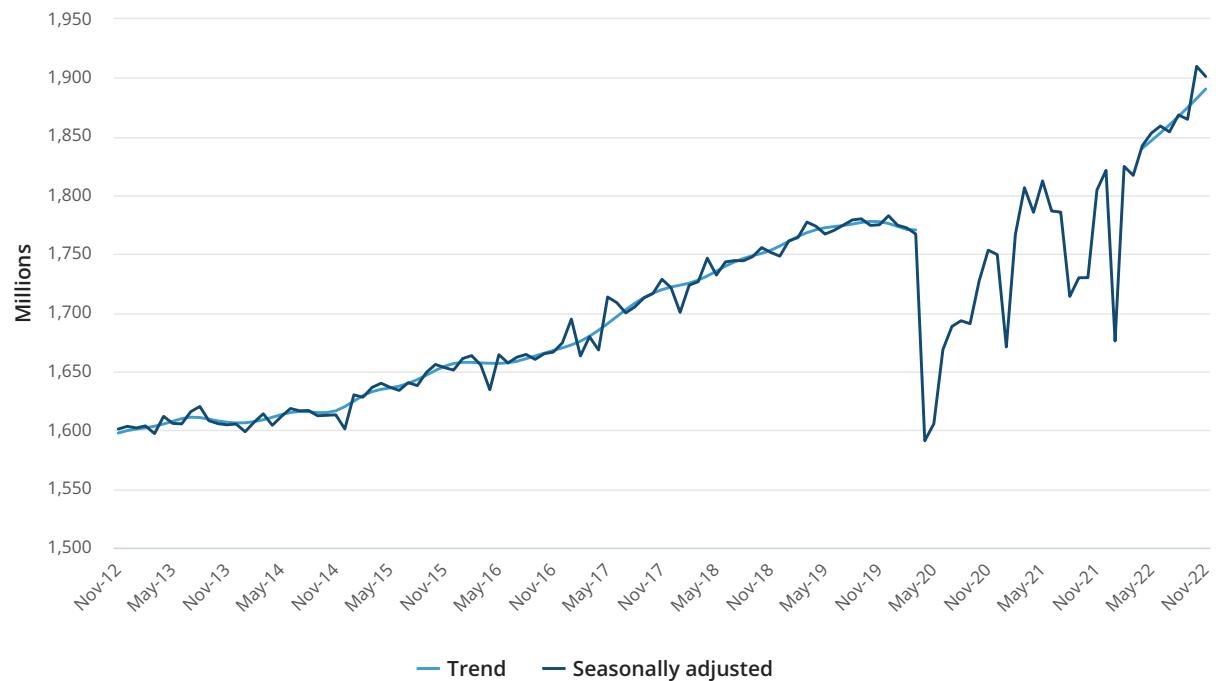


Hours worked

In trend terms, in November 2022, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 8.1 million hours (0.4%) to 1,890 million hours.

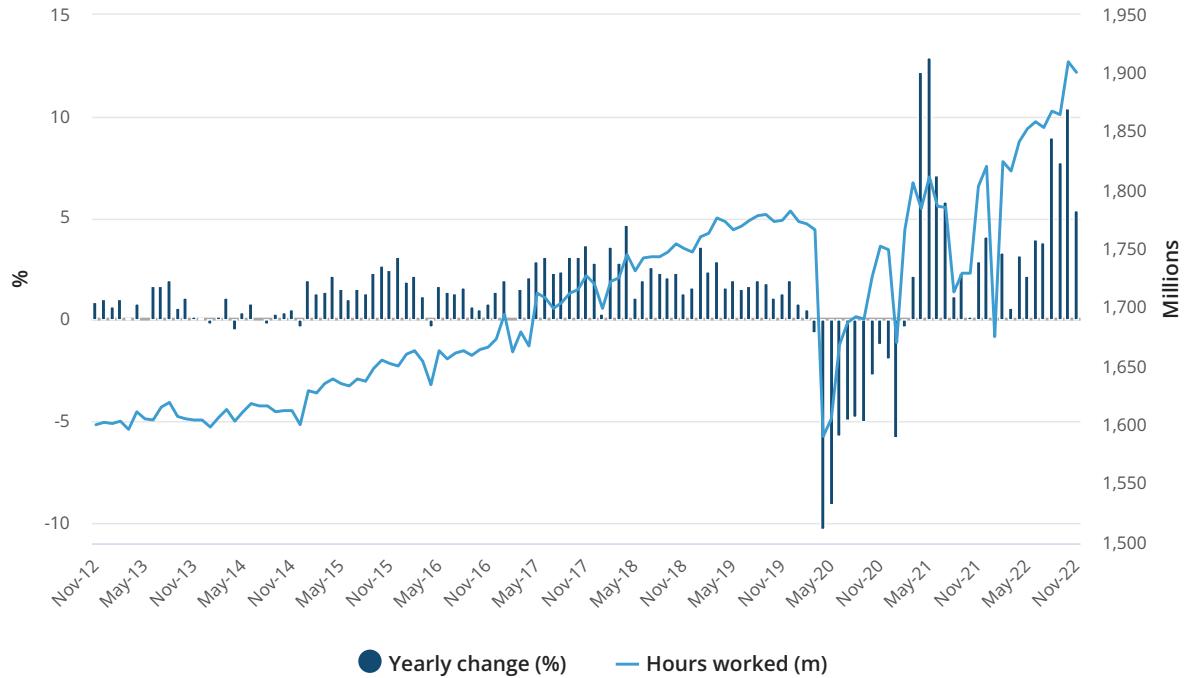
See the article [Insights into hours worked \(/articles/insights-hours-worked-november-2022\)](#) for more.

Monthly hours worked in all jobs



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Monthly hours worked in all jobs, Seasonally adjusted

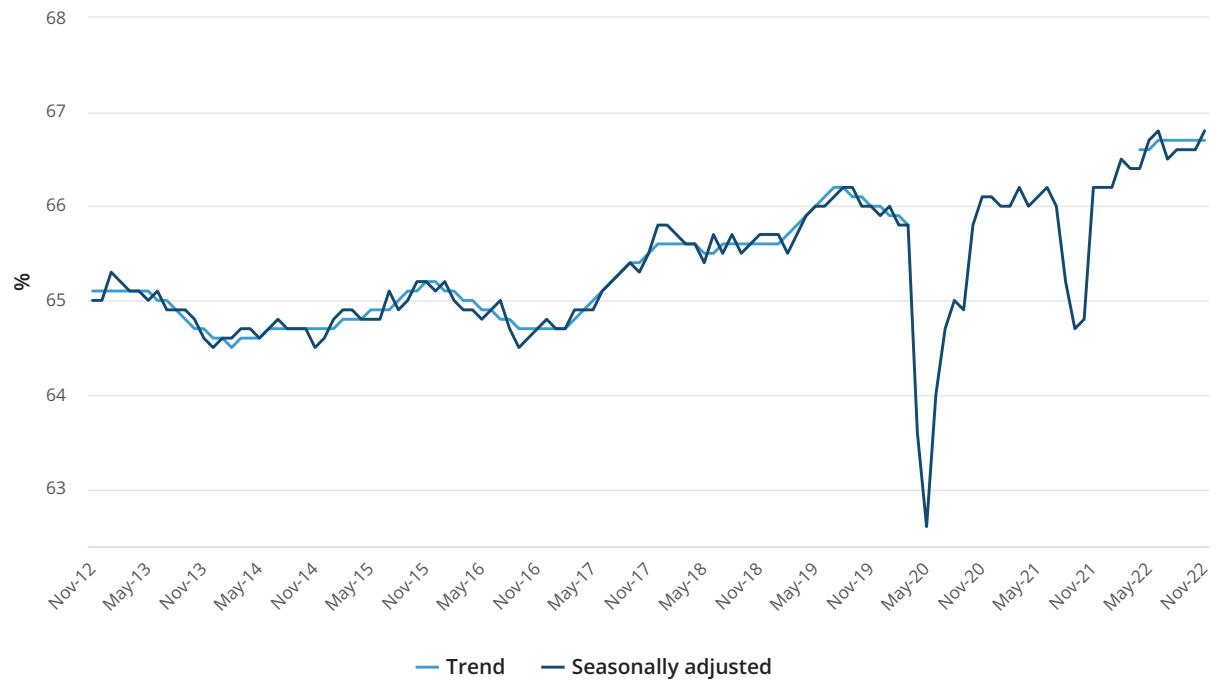


Participation

In trend terms, in November 2022, the participation rate:

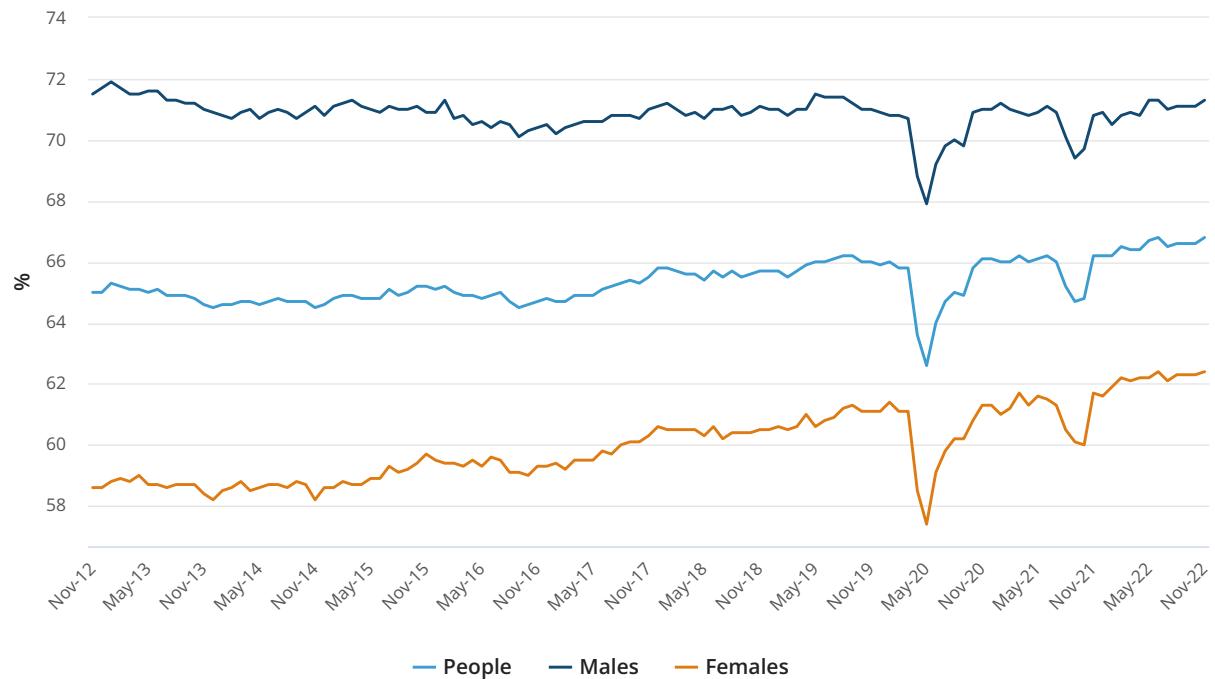
- remained at 66.7%.
- increased to 71.3% for men and remained at 62.3% for women.

Participation rate



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Participation rate, Seasonally adjusted

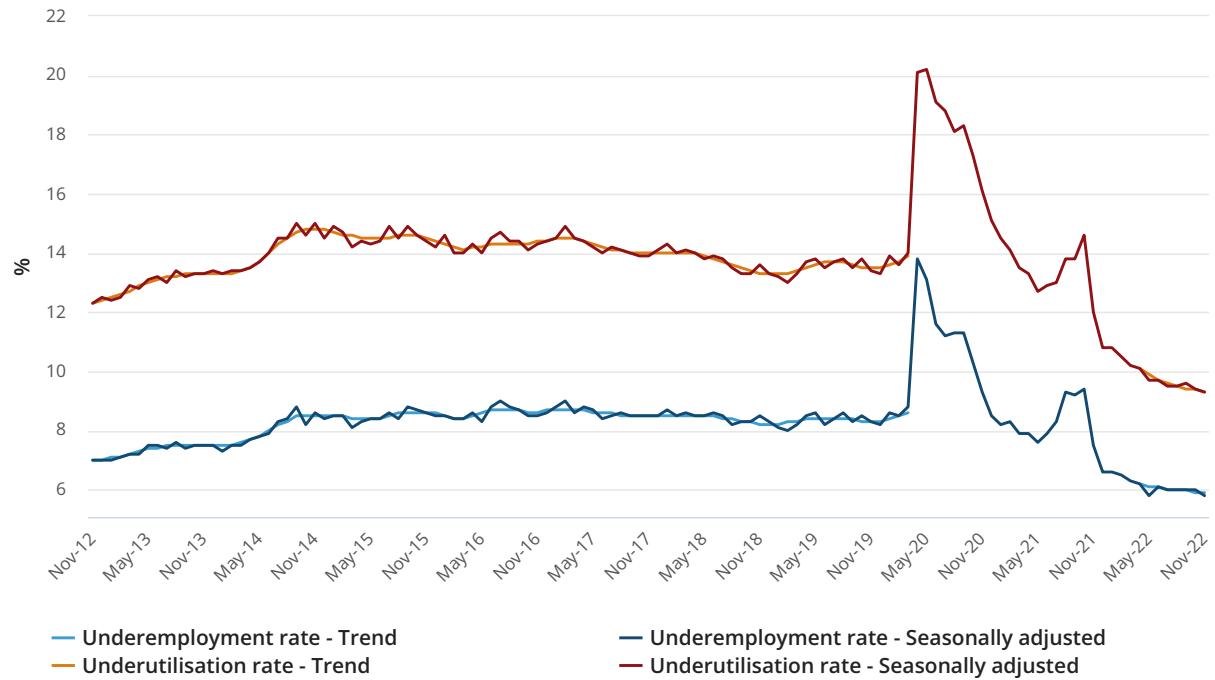


Underemployment

In trend terms, in November 2022:

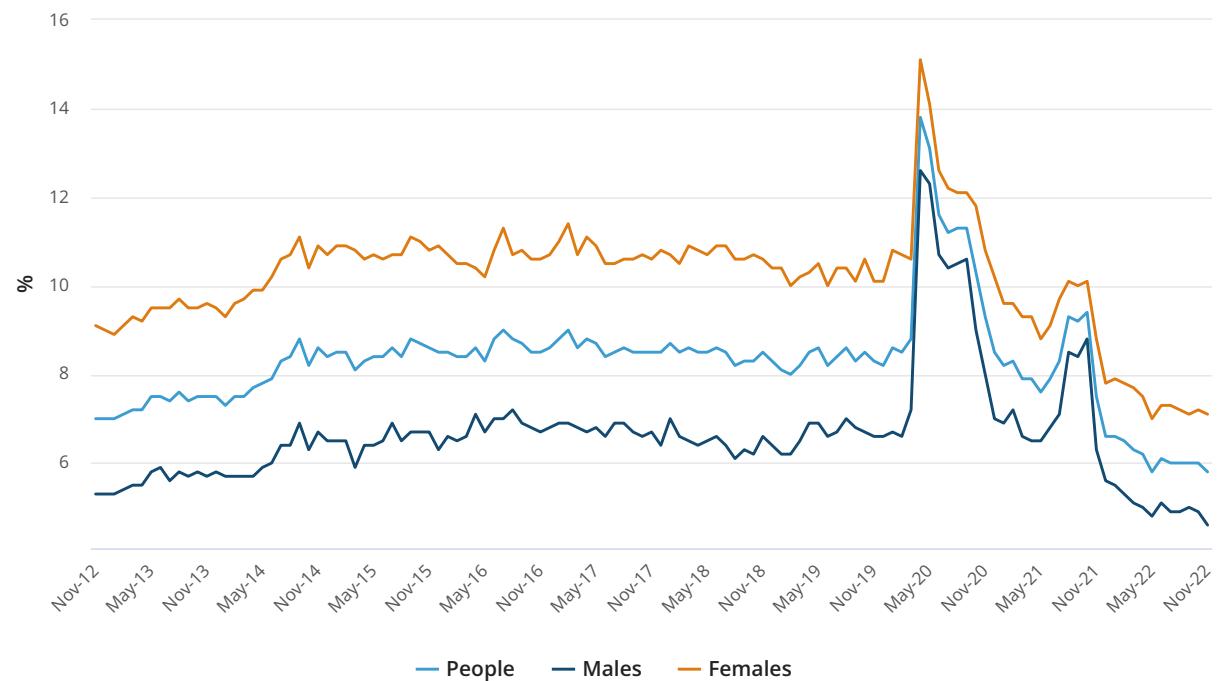
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- underutilisation rate decreased to 9.3%.

Underemployment rate and underutilisation rate



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Underemployment rate, Seasonally adjusted



States and Territories

November 2022 - Trend

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	No. Tel
Employed people	4,307,400	3,526,400	2,792,000	921,600	1,516,100	290,000	
Employed people - monthly change	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	
Employment to population ratio	64.4%	64.6%	64.0%	60.9%	66.7%	60.4%	
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	0.2 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.2 pts	

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	No Te
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.6%	3.3%	4.1%	3.5%	4.0%	
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	
Underemployment rate	5.4%	5.7%	6.6%	6.7%	5.6%	6.7%	
Underemployment rate - monthly change	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	
Participation rate	66.5%	67.0%	66.2%	63.5%	69.1%	62.9%	
Participation rate - monthly change	0.2 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.2 pts	

November 2022 - Seasonally adjusted

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	No Te
Employed people	4,322,900	3,532,500	2,790,100	920,300	1,511,500	292,000	
Employed people - monthly change	0.7%	0.9%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.5%	1.4%	
Employment to population ratio	64.6%	64.7%	64.0%	60.8%	66.5%	60.8%	
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	0.3 pts	0.4 pts	0.0 pts	-0.2 pts	0.2 pts	0.7 pts	
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.7%	3.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.5%	
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.2 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.4 pts	
Underemployment rate	5.2%	5.7%	6.6%	6.8%	5.5%	6.8%	
Underemployment rate - monthly change	-0.3 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.3 pts	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	
Participation rate	66.7%	67.1%	66.2%	63.4%	68.9%	63.0%	

New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	No Tel
Participation rate - monthly change	0.5 pts	0.4 pts	0.0 pts	-0.2 pts	0.2 pts	0.5 pts

Rotation group analysis

Sample composition and rotation

The Labour Force Survey sample can be thought of as comprising eight sub-samples (rotation groups), with each sub-sample remaining in the survey for eight months, and one group "rotating out" each month and being replaced by a new group "rotating in". As seven-eighths of the sample are common from one month to the next, changes in the estimates reflect real changes in the labour market, rather than changes in the sample. The replacement sample is generally selected from the same geographic areas as the outgoing one, as part of a representative sampling approach.

The sample comprises three components:

- the matched common sample (people who responded in both the current month and previous month)
- the unmatched common sample (people who responded in the current month but who did not respond in the previous month, or vice versa)
- the incoming rotation group (replacing people who rotated out)

The matched common sample describes the change observed for the same respondents in the current and previous month, while the other two components reflect differences between the aggregate labour force status of different groups of people.

While the rotation groups are designed to be representative of the population, the outgoing and incoming rotation groups will almost always have somewhat different characteristics, as they reflect different households and people. The design of the survey, including the weighting and estimation processes, ensures that these differences are generally relatively minor and do not affect the representativeness of the survey and its estimates. Monthly estimates are designed to be representative, regardless of the relative contribution of the three components of the sample.

The contributions of the three sample components to the original estimates of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are in the Contribution from sample components to estimates spreadsheet.

Estimates for the incoming and outgoing rotation groups

Incoming and outgoing rotation groups

October outgoing rotation group	November incoming rotation group	November outgoing rotation group	November estimate (Original)
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	October outgoing rotation group	November incoming rotation group	November outgoing rotation group	November estimate (Original)
Employment to population ratio	62.9%	65.3%	62.9%	64.7%
Full-time employment to population ratio	43.4%	45.8%	44.4%	45.0%
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.7%	3.2%	3.2%
Participation rate	65.3%	67.8%	65.0%	66.8%

States and Territories

In addition to analysis across the entire sample, the ABS also undertakes similar analysis for the responding sample in each state and territory each month, and highlights where there is a notable change for users to be aware of. For example, in November 2022, the incoming rotation group in Tasmania had a higher employment-to-population ratio and a higher participation rate than the group it replaced. As with any notable month-to-month movement of this nature in state and territory estimates, the ABS recommends exercising a degree of caution in interpreting short-term changes.

As for its reporting for the entire sample, where the ABS has not highlighted a notable incoming rotation group effect, any larger changes should therefore be considered to reflect a broader change across the sample.

Comparability with seasonally adjusted and trend data

The gross flows and rotation group data are in original terms only, and are included to provide additional information on the month-to-month movements. They have a considerable level of inherent sampling variability, which is specifically adjusted for in the trend and seasonally adjusted series. The trend data provides the best measure of the underlying behaviour of the labour market and is the focus of the commentary in this publication.

Contribution from sample components to estimates

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Data downloads

Labour Force Survey results are released in three stages.

1. Spreadsheets of the headline indicators are published in this release
2. Additional, more detailed spreadsheets and pivot tables are published in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#) one week after this first release
3. Longitudinal labour force microdata are released in the ABS DataLab on a monthly basis, one day after the detailed release (see [Microdata: Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](#))

See the [Survey output \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/nov-2022#survey-output\)](#) section of Labour Force, Australia methodology for more information.

Labour Force status

Table 1. Labour force status by Sex, Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 4. Labour force status by Sex, New South Wales - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 5. Labour force status by Sex, Victoria - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 6. Labour force status by Sex, Queensland - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 7. Labour force status by Sex, South Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 8. Labour force status by Sex, Western Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 9. Labour force status by Sex, Tasmania - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 10. Labour force status by Sex, Northern Territory - Trend and Original

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Table 10a. Labour force status by Sex, Northern Territory - Seasonally adjusted

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Table 11. Labour force status by Sex, Australian Capital Territory - Trend and Original

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Table 11a. Labour force status by Sex, Australian Capital Territory - Seasonally adjusted

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Table 12. Labour force status by Sex, State and Territory - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 12a. Labour force status by Sex, Territory - Seasonally adjusted

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Table 13. Labour force status for 15-24 year olds by Sex - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 15. Labour force status for 15-24 year olds by Educational attendance (full-time) and Sex

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Table 16. Labour force status for 15-24 year olds by State, Territory and

Educational attendance (full-time)

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Table 17. Labour force status for 15-19 year olds by Sex - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 18. Labour force status for 15-64 year olds by Sex - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Hours worked

Table 19. Monthly hours worked in all jobs by Employed full-time, part-time and Sex and by State and Territory - Trend and Seasonally adjusted

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Table 19a. Monthly hours worked in all jobs by Employed full-time, part-time and Sex and Territory - Seasonally adjusted

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Table 21. Quarterly hours worked in all jobs by Market and Non-market sector - Seasonally adjusted

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EM2a - Employed persons who worked fewer hours than usual by hours actually worked in all jobs and sex, January 1991 onwards (pivot table)

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EM2b - Employed persons who worked fewer hours than usual by hours actually worked in all jobs, state and territory, January 1991 onwards (pivot table)

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Underemployment and underutilisation

Table 22. Underutilised persons by Age and Sex - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 23. Underutilised persons by State and Territory and Sex - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 23a. Underutilised persons by Territory and Sex - Seasonally adjusted

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Table 24. Underutilised persons by Age and Sex (expanded analytical series)

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Table 25. Underutilised persons by State, Territory and Sex (expanded analytical series)

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Flows into and out of employment

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